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LIEUT.-COL. A. F. TOWNSHEND.

Commanded 11th Battalion, 1916.

Died of wounds, 16th September, 1916.

Haileybury School

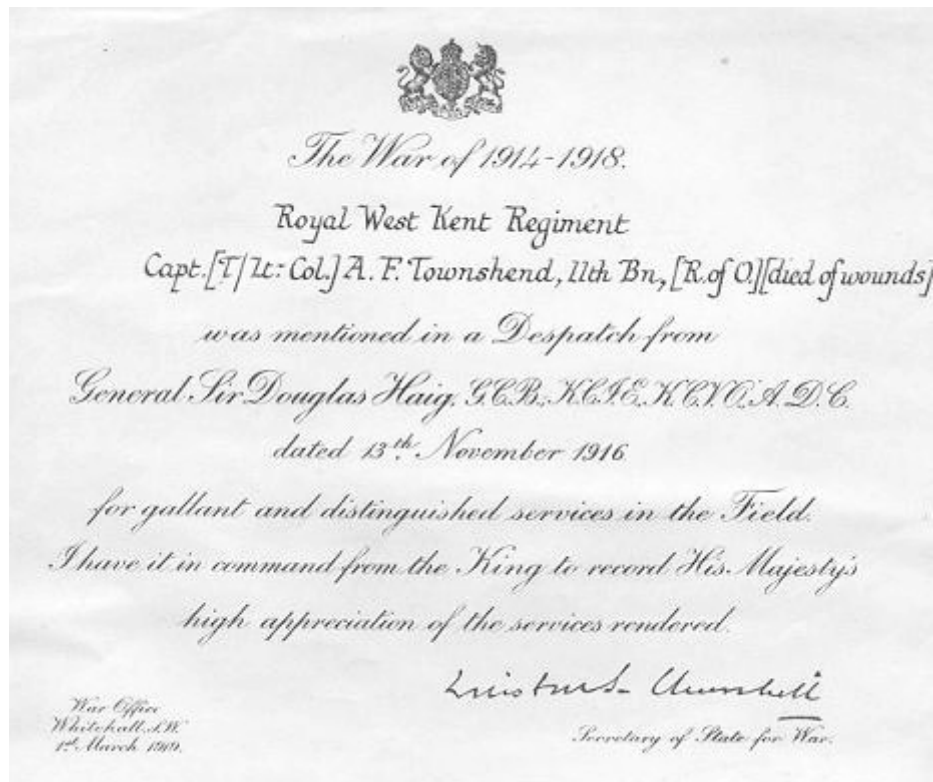


Announcement of Arthur's Appointment as a Military Consul in Turkey

PERSONAL.

It will be learnt with universal pleasure that Captain Arthur F. Townshend—son of Lieutenant-Colonel Townshend, Castletownsend—recently passed an examination in special subjects with most marked and brilliant success. In acknowledgment of his abilities and acquirements, which are warmly appreciated amongst military experts, Captain Townshend was nominated by the War Office for the extremely important appointment—under the Foreign Office—of British Representative in a province of Asia-Minor. He has been gazetted to the appointment, and has left Sea Field, Castletownsend, for Constantinople, where he is to receive instructions from the British Embassy prior to taking up his post. Captain Townshend has already served in India, and during the recent South African war he was twice mentioned in despatches. The distinction, which has been bestowed upon him solely because of his exceptional abilities, shows that the War Office Authorities not only appreciate his military qualifications, but that they also regard him as one possessed of diplomatic talent and resource, all of which characteristics are necessary in a marked degree in those who are made British Representatives in Eastern countries. Captain Townshend's success will give pleasure to all who hear of it, for he belongs to a family held in universal respect, and his father, Lieutenant-Colonel Townshend, enjoys wide-spread and well-deserved popularity.

Arthur's Mention in Despatches



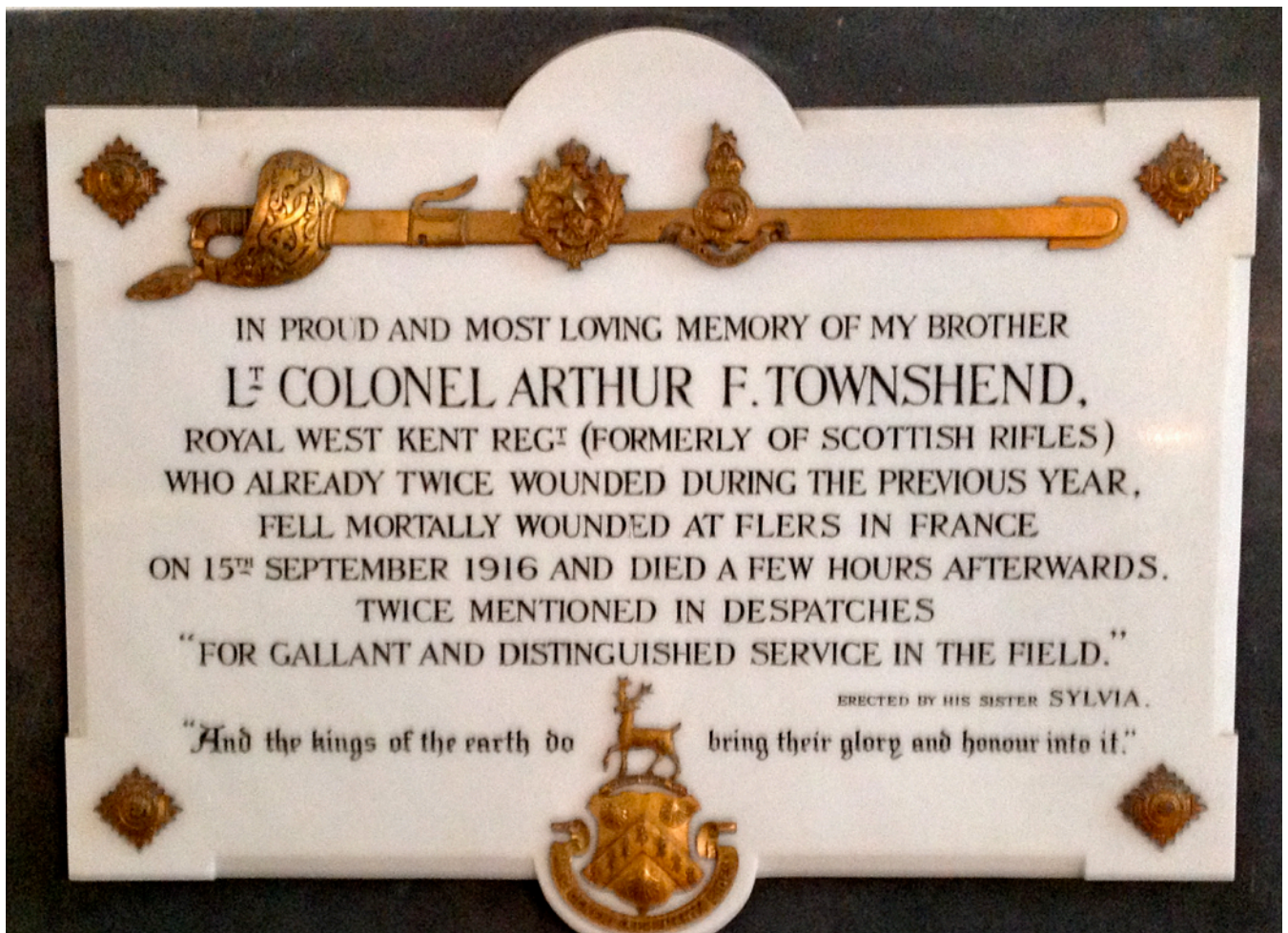
Commemoration Scroll



Announcement of Arthur's death

LIEUTENANT-COLONEL ARTHUR F. TOWNSHEND was the only son of the late Lieutenant-Colonel H. F. Townshend, of Castletownshend, Co. Cork. He was educated at Haileybury College, and joined the Army in June, 1894, being gazetted to the 2nd Cameronians (Scottish Rifles), with which regiment he served in India. In the South African war he served with the 4th Scottish Rifles, and was mentioned in despatches. In 1903-1906 he was Military Consul in Turkey. He went to the front with his regiment in 1915, and had been twice wounded and mentioned in despatches once—namely, on November 30, 1915. In January, 1916, he was appointed to command the Royal West Kent Regiment. He died on the 16th inst. of wounds received on the 15th.

Memorial in St Barrahanes Church, Castletownshend



Letter written in 1932 to Arthur's Sister, Sylvia Townshend [268] about the visit to his grave and memories of him as a Commanding Officer

LYNSORE COURT,
BOSSINGHAM,
CANTERBURY.
1st Aug 32

Dear Mr. Geggis -

I forgive me for not writing to you, in answer to your letter of 19th May - but I have been very busy travelling about such a lot -

I am glad to tell you, that we found your brother's grave, in a most charming peaceful spot. Three or four of us, who had served under him, and who knew him but made a special trip out to his Cemetery, and I laid a special wreath of Flanders poppies. Then we stood a minute or two, thinking of the very gallant Soldier and friend whom we were honoring.

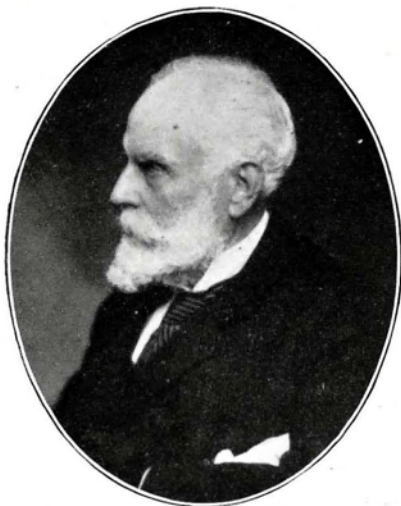
His grave is splendidly kept. They all are in fact -

I find that a special history is about to be written, of the 11th R.W.K. and I have been asked to write a short appreciation of Colonel Townshend. The author of the history writes to say "I have his Second School Service etc but I personally did not come into close contact with him to any extent. And I should be grateful if you could give me some details of his character, personality etc etc -"

I enclose a photo. I had taken of your brother's grave which I thought you would like to have -

I hope we may meet some day.

Yours very sincerely -
- R. Clape -



Mr. R. U. F. Townsend, J.P.

Townsend.—ROBERT UNIACKE FITZGERALD TOWNSEND, J.P., Ringville, Queenstown; son of the late Richard Townsend, M.D., of Merion Square West, Dublin, and Mary Catherine, daughter of the late Adam Newman, of Dromore House; born May 18th, 1838; educated at Grammar School, Crewkerne, Somerset, and Trinity College, Dublin. Land agent; Justice of the Peace for the county of Cork. Fellow of the Surveyors' Institute; a Governor of University College, Cork. Married, February 1st, 1866, Elizabeth Gertrude (died at St. Leonards, April 29th, 1885, and was buried at Hastings), daughter of the Rev. Thomas Uniacke Townsend, Rector of Johnstown, co. Kilkenny, and Inistioge, and has issue three surviving children: Thomas William, of Stone View, Blarney; Gertrude Mary, married Captain W. D. Beamish, R.M.S., and Elizabeth Helen, married Thomas George Kingscote, of Erinville, Chilliwack, B.C. Club: Primrose, St. James's, S.W.



Lieut.-Colonel
Henry Fitzjohn Townshend, J.P.

Townshend.—LIEUT.-COLONEL HENRY FITZJOHN TOWNSHEND, J.P., Seafeld, Castletownshend, co. Cork; only son of John FitzHenry Townshend, LL.D., Judge of the High Court of Admiralty, and Ellen, daughter of the Rev. George Armstrong; born February 18th, 1841; graduated at Trinity College, Dublin; B.A. Late Major and Hon. Lieut.-Colonel 4th Batt. Cameronians Scottish Rifles; formerly in the 1st Battalion 26th Cameronians. Justice of the Peace for co. Cork; served in India and in the Abyssinian expedition under Lord Napier of Magdala (Medal). Travelled in Europe, and India. Married, firstly, November 15th, 1870, Mary (who died February 21st, 1890), eldest daughter of Arthur Bushe, Master of the Queen's Bench, and has issue one son, Arthur Fitzhenry, Captain 4th Batt. Cameronians Scottish Rifles, born May 19th, 1874, and one daughter, Sylvia Rosalie, married, 1900, Colonel E. H. Gorges, D.S.O., 1st Manchester

Regiment; secondly, September 27th, 1900, Elizabeth, daughter of Major Richard James Martin, King's Dragoon Guards. Clubs: Cork County, and others.



Captain A. F. Townshend.

Townshend.—CAPTAIN ARTHUR FITZHENRY TOWNSHEND, Seafeld, Castletownshend, co. Cork; son of Lieut.-Colonel Henry Fitzjohn Townshend, J.P.; born in Dublin, May 19th, 1874; educated at Colwall School, Malvern, and Haileybury College; Diploma of Royal Geographical Society. Late Scottish Rifles (1st, 2nd, and 4th Batts.); served in Boer war, 1900-1901; Military Consul in Turkey, 1903-1906. Has travelled in Europe, Asia Minor, Syria, India, North and South Africa, and West Indies. Author of "A Military Consul in Turkey," and of various articles on travel, yachting, and sea-fishing. Recreations: yachting, sea-fishing, and ski-running. Clubs: Naval and Military, and Alpine Sports.